•of Parliament in this connection, if so, what remedial steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The only new forest law is the Forest (Conation) Act, 1980. It is not true that it places total icslriction on use of forest Iand for even government Projects. It actually provides for prior approval ot the Central Government in every case, involving diversion of forest Iand to nontorest purpose or dereservation of any reserved forest. The main objective of the Act is to check indiscriminate use of forest Iand for non-forest land for non-forest purposes. T_0 ensure that tlie provisions of the Act do not hold up the execution of development projects, detailed guidelines have been laid down ar.d the procedure for submission of proposals to the Central Government has been simplified Besides, proposals for release of forest lands are considered on prioritj ' the Central Government.

(b) Letters from some Members of Parliament have been received, which have been attended to promptly. Detailed guidelines have been laid down to expedite disposal of $case_s$ arising under the. forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the State Governments have been advised to gear up the machinery for this purpose, as well as to monitor the progress regularly.

Western centre of the National Institute of Sports

1876. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have been requested by the Gujarat Govermment to establish a Western Centre of the National Institute of Sports. Patiala at Gandhinagar; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely io be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision is likely till finalization of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Probe into the Affairs of Vishva Bharti

1877. SHRi V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the reasons for which. the Vishva Bharti was recently forced to close down *sine die;*

(b) what j_s the reason for changing the present admission policy: and

(c) whether Goverment propose to conduct an all party Parliamentary probe into the affairs of Vishva Bharti if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL); (a) and (b) The criteria for admission to various courses in Visva Bharati during 1984-85 were finalised and notified in April. 1984. ording to these criteria, admission to oral Bhavanas were to be made on the basis of an entrance test open to candis from all over the country. A section of students insisted that all the internal candidates should be assured of admission In order to press this demand, the .students resorted to agitation and aherao. They compelled the University to cancel the entrance test for admission to Kala Bhavans which was scheduled for Iuly9, 1984. Following these incidents, it was decided to close tlie University till 25th September, 1984. It was. however, made clear that the University could be reopened earlier if the agitatiom was withdrawn. On an assurance given by the University that meritorious students of Ka'a Bhavana would get due consideration in the matter of admission to Kala Bhavana, the students called off th_e agitation on July 14, 1984.

(c) No, Sir.